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General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, June 27—

11 a.m.—Auction of Surplus Stores, at Central Police Station.

FRIDAY, June 28—

Goods for *Strada* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

SATURDAY, June 29—

Goods for *Plint*, undelivered after this date, subject to rent.

MONDAY, July 1—

Goods for *Headburn* undelivered after this date, subject to rent.

SATURDAY, July 6—

12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, No. 4, Queen's Buildings.

Opium Quotations.

HONGKONG, June 25, 1901.

New Fatma, cash	950
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1901.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Sergeant Firth, of the West Riding Regiment, has been awarded the Victoria Cross.

3,000 German troops will remain in China, of which number 800 will be in Shanghai.

King Victor Emmanuel of Italy recently made a trip in a submarine boat steaming 15 knots an hour.

The Municipality of Singapore is raising a loan of \$1,000,000 to carry out certain important public works.

The dredger, *Canton River*, still remains fast. An attempt to lift her is, we hear, to be made on Thursday.

Fosch has sent £10.8.7 to the Lord Mayor of London as a contribution to the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund.

The Ceylon Volunteers have been re-armed with the new Lee-Enfield magazine rifle in place of the Martini-Henry rifle.

Chief Justice Sir John Crichton, Kt., C.M.G., leaves the Colony to-morrow on a holiday to Japan. It is the wish of all that he will return much benefited by his trip.

Owing to a reduction of wages, the hands employed in twenty cotton mills in Bombay have struck. Twenty thousand employees were out of work on the 12th inst.

To-day, a European lady walking in Queen's Road had her gold watch-chain snatched from her dress. The police were informed, and have, we believe, effected an arrest.

The Boer prisoners are having a most enjoyable time in Ceylon. The Governor has given his consent to a Boer team to journey to Colombo to engage the Colts C.C. in a cricket match.

At Singapore on the 15th inst., the Governor presented a ricksha coolie for obstruction of a public thoroughfare. His Excellency took the oath on the bench and gave his evidence, and the coolie was fined \$10. The fine was paid.

Dowie, the 'Faith Healer,' who was arrested in Chicago charged with having caused the death of Mrs. Judd, while she was the inmate of his faith-healing establishment, has been required. The adherents of Dowie—who was formerly well known in Melbourne and Adelaide—have subscribed the sum of £20,000 for the erection of a church.

On the ground that they were being blackmailed by the police in connection with the prevention of cruelty to animals, the gharri wallahs and bullock carters of Calcutta have been on strike. After the serious dislocation of public traffic for three days, the men resumed work on the Commissioner of Police promising to investigate their grievances.

Water Polo.

The polo match between the V.R.C. and H.M.S. *Janus*, at Kowloon yesterday, resulted in a win for the sailors by 3 goals to 2.

Share List.

The following alterations in our share list are noted after the hour of correction:—

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp., 388 1/2 prem.—\$810, sales; Hongkong & Whampoa Dock, \$317 1/2, sellers.

The China Field Force.

A Calcutta telegram, dated 8th inst., says:—Four mags transporters have been chartered here to bring back the Indian Contingent from China—the *Itara*, the *Indra*, the *Rajah* and the *Samatra*. As at present arranged, the Infantry Brigade will embark on the *Itara*, which will be fitted and ready to leave Calcutta for Hongkong on Saturday. The *Itara*, *Indra* and *Samatra* bring back the Cavalry Brigade.

Municipal Reforms in Calcutta.

The Commissioners of the Calcutta Corporation are taking steps to secure to every part of the Municipal area a continuous and adequate supply of filtered water. The measure may cost anything between Rs. 30 and Rs. 70 lakhs, and before submitting themselves to any particular scheme, the Commissioners have wisely decided to obtain the best possible expert advice. The Chairman is in correspondence with an eminent authority on water supply in England, and has also addressed the Government of Bengal, enquiring whether the Government can spare the services of an engineer-expert to assist the Corporation in elaborating a workable scheme and asking for any advice the Government may be able to offer.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Britain's Balance Sheet.

The Exchequer returns from the last April to the 8th inst. show that the receipts amount to twenty-two millions odd, and the expenditure to thirty-nine millions.

A Russian Dredger.

The Russian dredger *Port Arthur No. X*, from Amsterdam, arrived at Colombo on the 8th inst. on her way to Port Arthur. She is of 116 tons register, and was built in Holland.

The Australian Command.

The *Morning Post* published a telegram from Sydney on the 8th inst. stating that the Commonwealth Ministry have definitely offered the command of the forces to General Pole Carew.

The Oaks.

The owner of *Oak and Oaks II*, the winner of 'The Oaks,' is Mr. Foxhall P. Keene, a wealthy American. He has divided the stakes, about £4000, between charities in England and in America. Mr. Richard Croker, of 'Tannany' notoriety, is the owner of *Manie Dec*, the third prize winner.

Asiaties in Australia.

In the House of Commons on the 6th inst., Mr. Chamberlain said he disapproved the Queensland Anti-Asiatic Act because it excluded British subjects of India solely on account of race and colour, and was also offensive to Japan, placing the Japanese in the same category as Asiatics generally, without considering their civilization.

Congregationalism.

Dr. Joseph Parker, of the City Temple, and chairman of the Congregational Union, intends to move a resolution at the meeting of the Union at Manchester, in October, that the Congregational Union of England and Wales should develop into a United Congregational Church. The Scottish and Irish Unions will attend the congress.

English Cricket.

A London telegram dated 8th inst. says:—In their cricket matches, Yorkshire and Sussex beat Middlesex and Nottingham respectively at Lord's and Nottingham. Yorkshire has now won all eight matches. No other county has been unbeaten. The South African team, with a first innings of 602, beat Cambridge University on the 11th inst. at Cambridge by an innings and 215 runs.

Carnegie and Scottish 'Varsities.

On the 7th inst., Mr. Carnegie executed the deed conveying two millions sterling to trustees, who include Lord Elgin, Lord Rosebery, Lord Kelvin, Mr. Balfour, Mr. John Morley, and Sir H. Campbell Bannerman. Half the income is to be devoted to the improvement and expansion of Scotch University education in science, medicine and literature; and the other half to assisting students of both sexes by the payment of fees and otherwise.

Serious Accident at Rangoon.

A machinery explosion occurred on the 12th inst. in Rangoon, resulting in the death of three men and injuries to six others who were engaged in repairs to the steamer *Yonah*. In heating the piston rod the water in the plunger also became heated, and it exploded. The *Yonah* is a steel paddle steamer, gross tonnage 897, built in 1885, owned by the Irrawaddy Flotilla Co., Ltd. She is 310 feet long, 40 feet 1 in. broad, and 9 feet 7 in. deep. Her nominal horse power is 208.

The late Sir Courtenay Boyle.

Sir Courtenay Boyle was one of the best dinner companions imaginable. He had two excellent stories that would fill half a dozen big volumes. One of them was of a stutterm who called at a poultryer's shop for some turkeys. 'Sons are a-tough and some are a-tender?' he queried of the shopman, who admitted the sort of impudence. 'I suppose there is a difference in the price?' the customer remarked, only to be informed that his supposition was wrong. 'I-I keep a boy's school,' he said; 'would you mind picking out the tough ones?' The shopman, with a wink, separated the tough ones from the tender ones, and once more the customer asked if no difference could be made in the price. The poultryer was sorry that it was impossible; and he was sorry, too, no doubt, when the customer said, 'Then I'll take the tender ones!'

Sudden Death of a Constable.

News was wired to Hongkong last night of the sudden death, at Sheung Shui, in the new territory, of P.O. 99. He had been on duty during the day and took sick in the evening when his temperature rapidly rose to 107°. Everything was done for him at the station, but he expired about ten o'clock. The body was sent to Hongkong by Mr. Hallifax, and Dr. Bell pronounced death to be due to sunstroke. Deceased was a member of the Chatham Division of Royal Marines, and bore the medal for participation in the Boer Expedition. He came out here fully a year ago with a detachment of forty marines selected for the Hongkong Police, and is the first of the detachment to die. He was unmarried. The funeral takes place to-morrow morning at Happy Valley.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Terrific Heat in India.

A Bombay telegram says:—The heat in the Ahmedabad district is terrible. An engine-driver has died at Abu, and eighteen other drivers are down with heat apoplexy.

The Hemp Trade.

In their trade circular, dated 15th inst., Messrs. Warner, Barnes and Co., Ltd., Manila, write:—The market has continued firm since our last circular, dealers preferring to store their arrivals rather than accept any reduction in late prices. Advances from Albany report the imposition of rigorous restrictions against trading in hemp, and a consequent reduction in receipts is anticipated. Meanwhile, all the available hemp is being brought to market from the interior. As it is to be presumed these obstacles will materially interfere with production, we incline to the belief that present prices will be maintained and probably advance somewhat.

The Army Medical Service.

The *Daily Chronicle*, of 7th inst., states that Surgeon-General Taylor, Principal Medical Officer in India, succeeds Surgeon-General Jamson. (deceased) as Director-General of the Army Medical Service. An Indian journal has reached Simla of the appointment, but the selection is an exceedingly suitable one, and the great administrative ability displayed by Surgeon-General Taylor in his present responsible position as Principal Medical Officer with H.M.'s Forces in India has long marked him out for distinction. The admirable sanitary arrangements which have made the Indian Contingent the most healthy of all the Allied Forces in China were organised by Surgeon-General Taylor, to whom is also due a large measure of the credit for the establishment of the Pasteur Institute at Kasauli.

The Battle of the Locomotives.

The controversy between Lord George Hamilton and Sir Alfred Hickman over the relative qualities of English and American locomotives is evidently creating a considerable stir at Home. The Midland Railway Company publishes the result of a six months' careful comparative test of forty American engines purchased in 1899, showing an extra cost of twenty to twenty-five per cent. for fuel; fifty per cent. for oil; and sixty per cent. for repairs. They worked the trains satisfactorily, and were in no wise inferior to English locomotives. The original cost was £400 less; but the cost of working soon wiped out the difference. Mr. Elliott, ex-Manager of the Cape Railway, in an interview with a *Daily Express* representative, stated that the locomotives of the Baldwin Locomotive Works at Philadelphia, which were tried at the Cape, consumed 50 per cent. more fuel than the English locomotives; but the haulage powers of the Shosonaty (in New York State) engines were superior to any others in the colony.

The Battle Craze.

On Saturday we published a paragraph about a young New York physician who offered to raffle himself in a matrimonial lottery. A correspondent sends us the following translation of a paragraph from the weekly edition of *The Times* of May 17 (it is in the form of a letter to the editor):—Sir, I come to propose to you the following affair [Our correspondent translates it in the French idiom as it is ungrammatical in place]. But, beforehand, I am going to give some particulars as follows, which will assist you to better understand the affair in question. I am a Frenchman, aged 23 years, living in my family, having only one brother, an employed in business, and without private means. I have resolved to get married. Whence behold the proposition that I come to make to you. The journal *The Times* being the journal which possesses the greatest publicity of the entire world, I have recourse to its honorable columns to insert in them the advertisement on the subject of my proposition. In imitation of what has been already done, in order to get married in your country, I will put myself up to be raffled. The winning number, that is to say, the spinner or otherwise (*la demoiselle on la dame*) possessing this number, I engage myself to marry, bringing her as a settlement the proceeds of the raffle. If then you accept my proposition, please publish an advertisement accordingly. You will then take the affair in hand, and I offer your esteemed journal the sum of 50,000 francs commission if the scheme succeeds. Lottery tickets will be granted to the number of 25,000; price—21 sterling. When the raffle has been drawn, if the subject did not suit me, I reserve the right of refusing the subject, on condition of paying her a compensation of 40,000 francs. Everyone taking tickets accepts this condition. If my offer is accepted reply at once, and arrange preliminaries. The period of time given is fixed at one month and a half, that is to say till the end of June. If you take the affair in hand, I will provide you later with my photograph, the paper that you will desire to have and all legalised. Until then I permit myself to keep incognito. This affair is very serious and does not emanate from a joker. For all other details we will treat later on. I have about 1 m. 78 as height, and rejoice in excellent health. If I did not receive a reply, I should be free to treat with another great English journal.

Maritime Disasters.

The Bureau Veritas list of maritime disasters reported during March, 1901, concerning all flags, gives the following statistical returns: Sailing vessels reported lost: 7 American, 19 British, 1 Danish, 1 Dutch, 8 French, 1 German, 10 Italian, 10 Norwegian, 2 Swedish, 2 Turkish, total 61, including 3 vessels reported missing. Steamers reported lost: 2 American, 14 British, 1 Brazilian, 1 Danish, 1 Dutch, 3 French, 2 German, 2 Japanese, 3 Norwegian, 2 Swedish, total 31, including 3 steamers reported missing. In all, 107 steamers and 213 sailing vessels were surveyed and classed by the Bureau Veritas from March 20 to April 19, 1901.

Overloading a Steamer.

The following paragraph is taken from *The Shipping World* of the 22nd May:—At the Cardiff Police-court, John Bowen, the master of the steamship *Cleveland*, of Newcastle, was summoned by the Board of Trade for contravention of the Merchant Shipping Act. There were three summonses—one for allowing the steamer to be loaded at Bilbao so that her maximum summer load-line was submerged when in salt water; another for having the disc submerged while on a voyage from Bilbao to Cardiff; and a third for failing to have the certificate of approval of the position of the steamer's disc framed and placed in a conspicuous part of the ship. The vessel was overloaded when she left Bilbao to the extent of four inches. The stipendiary fined the master the full penalty of £100, in default of distress, which was to be levied on the ship forthwith, three months' imprisonment.

Deaths of Prominent Men.

London telegrams to Colombo announce the death of Lord Wantage, Sir Walter Besant and Mr. Robert Buchanan. Lord Wantage, V.C., K.C.B., received his Victoria Cross for deeds of valour at Alma and Inkermann, and his name is handed down at military tournaments in the Lloyd-Lindsay competitions. He held many high official positions, was a wealthy landowner, and published several works on military and agricultural topics. Besant and Buchanan's novels and poems are well known. Besant was a University Don, and was at one time Senior Professor of the Royal College, Mauritius.

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